

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated 29 April 2003, the Examiner objected to the Drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In response thereto in an Amendment filed 29 July 2003, Applicants canceled the drawings and all references thereto from the application. Subsequently, in a final Office Action dated 23 September 2003, the Examiner indicated that drawings are essential to the understanding of the invention and required a proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings. In response thereto in a proposed Amendment filed on 23 February 2004, Applicants submitted new proposed Figures 1 and 2. In an Advisory Action dated 01 April 2004, the Examiner indicated that the proposed Amendment filed on 23 February 2004 would not be entered because the new proposed Figures 1 and 2 introduced new matter. Instead, the Examiner indicated that the objection to the drawings in the final Office Action could be overcome by simply canceling the drawings and references thereto in the specification.

Since the proposed Amendments filed on 23 February 2004 were not entered, the status of the application is as amended by Applicants on 29 July 2003. With the Amendments submitted on 29 July 2003, originally filed Figures 1-3 were canceled from the application, in addition to all references thereto. Therefore, as of the date of the Advisory Action, 01 April 2004, the application contained no figures and no references thereto. Therefore, as acknowledged by the Examiner in the Advisory Action dated 01 April 2004, the objection to the drawings in the final Office Action is overcome, since there are no drawings pending in the application.

The Examiner indicated in the final Office Action dated 23 September 2004 that claims 2, 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1, and have amended claim 3 to depend from newly amended claim 1. As amended, all pending claims depend from claim 1, which is now in condition for allowance.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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